The Drawing Game & The Shape Safari

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Summer holidays can sometimes feel incredibly long

Jeenu is spending her summer holidays at her grandma's house. She has no friends here. The house is quiet, the days are hot, and she is thoroughly bored.

Play with me, Ajji! she begs.

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A simple piece of chalk unlocks a new world

Ajji doesn't bring out a board game or turn on the television.
Instead, she smiles.

Go get a piece of chalk, Ajji says.
Let's play a game.

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The endless loop with no corners

Jeenu is excited. What game will Ajji play?

Ajji draws a single, unbroken curve. "Can you guess what this is?" she asks. "It is a circle," Jeenu replies, making a face. She does not like this silly game.

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Look closer: it is always something more

“Yes, but it is also something more, Ajji says gently.”

“Jeenu thinks for a moment, and then her face mirrors the drawing. It is a smiley face! she shouts.”

Ajji claps her hands. You understand the game!”

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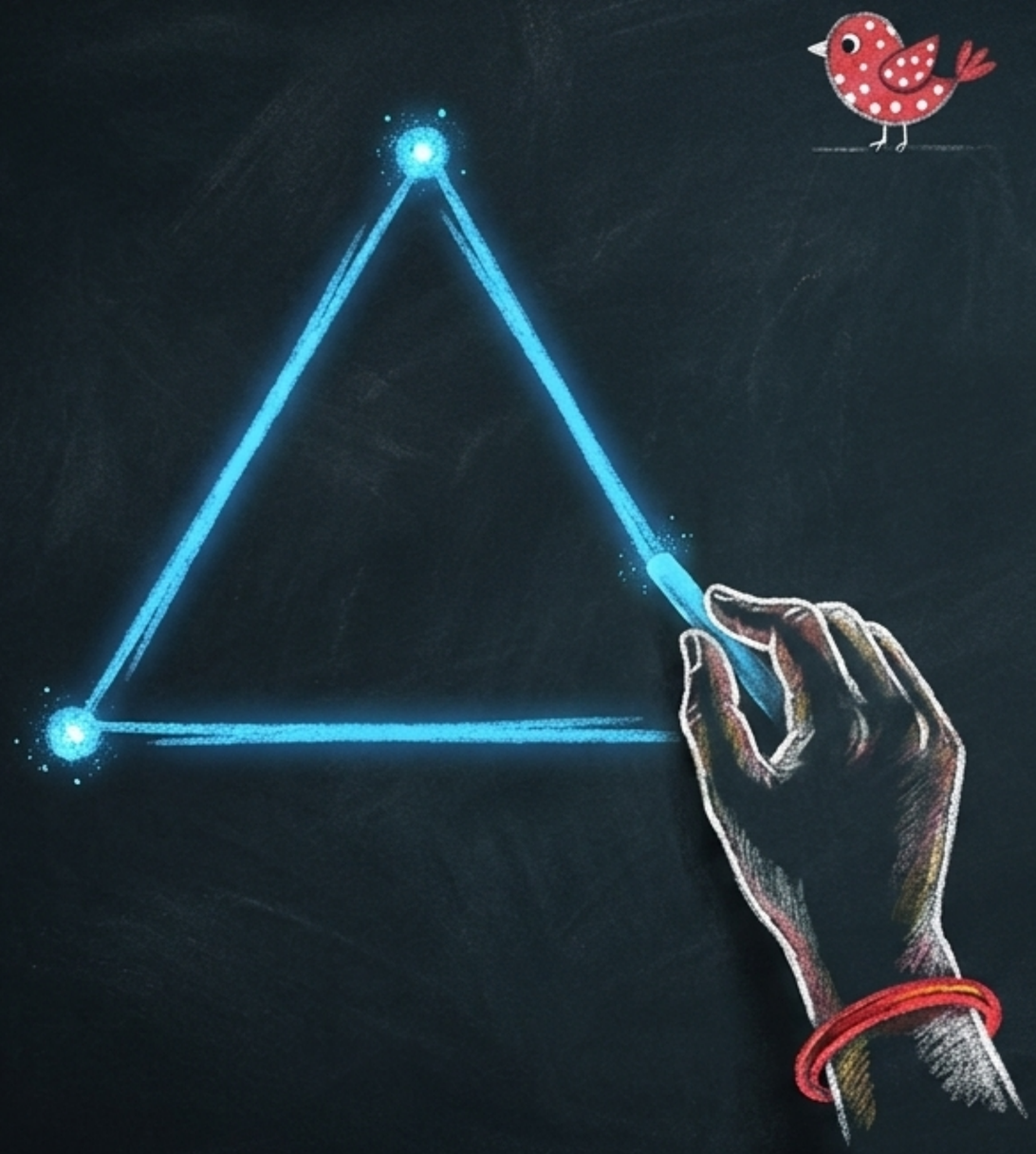

Three sharp points connected by three straight lines

Ajji draws another shape, moving the chalk with quick, straight strokes.

"A triangle!" Jeenu shouts, immediately bursting into laughter. The boredom is completely gone.

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Triangles stack and spin to fill the night sky

Jeenu grabs the chalk. Look what I have made!

By drawing one triangle pointing up, and another pointing down, she fills the entire canvas with a magical, starry sky.

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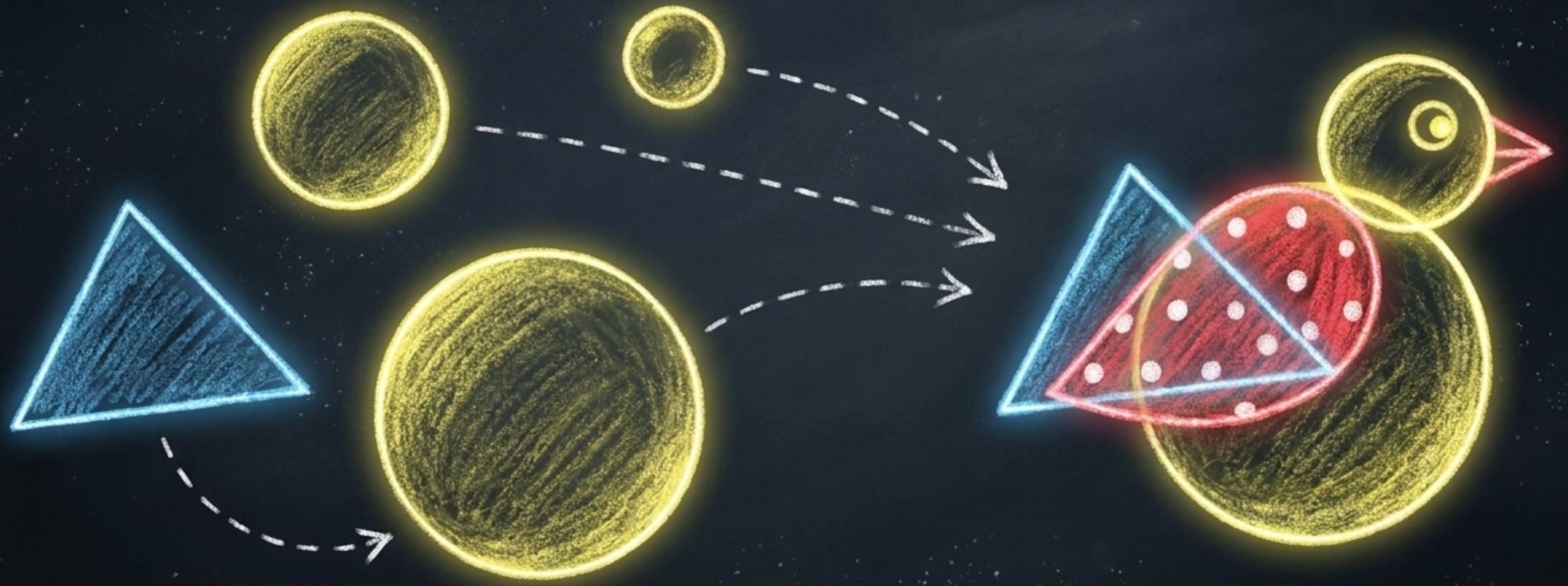
Shapes combine to bring new friends to life

Well done, Jeenu! says Ajji. Now, look who has come to play with us.



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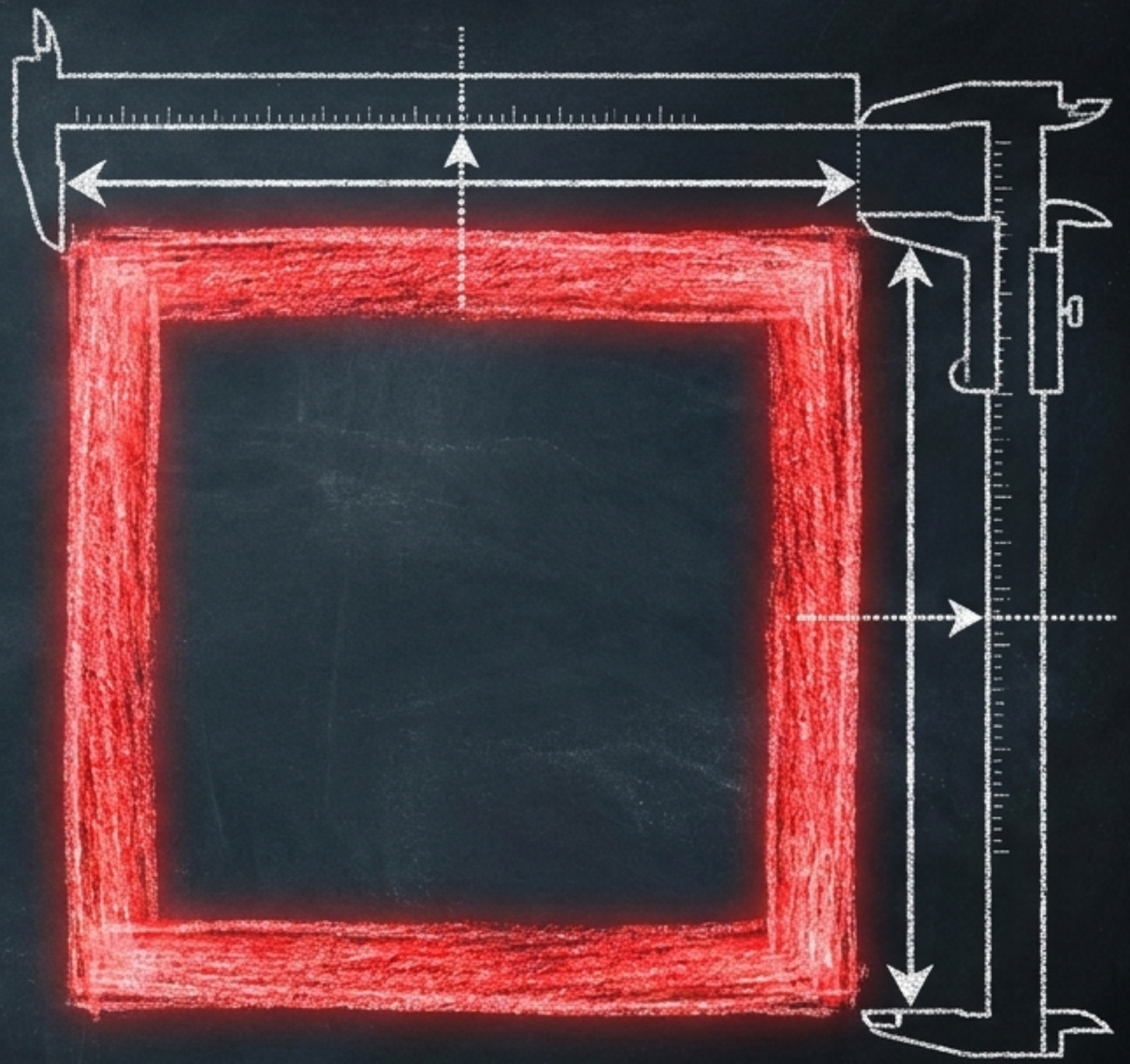
Four straight sides of the exact same length

Ajji draws a new shape with four corners.

“Is it a rectangle?” Jeenu asks.

“Look carefully, Ajji points. All the sides are the exact same length. It is a square!”



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Squares stack together to let the light in

Jeenu takes the chalk from her grandmother. Hmmm... see Ajji, I have drawn a window.

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A grand architectural masterpiece built from basics

"Do you want a tree near near your window?" asks Ajji.

"Yes! And look, Ajji! It is a bird flying to its home in the tree.

And guess who is coming to lunch? Her best friend, Mr. Giraffe!"

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The game evolves as Jeenu takes the lead

"That is so clever, Jeenu!" Ajji exclaims. Jeenu realises the magic chalk can draw anything in the world. She doesn't want the game to end. "Ajji, follow me! We are going on a Shape Safari!"

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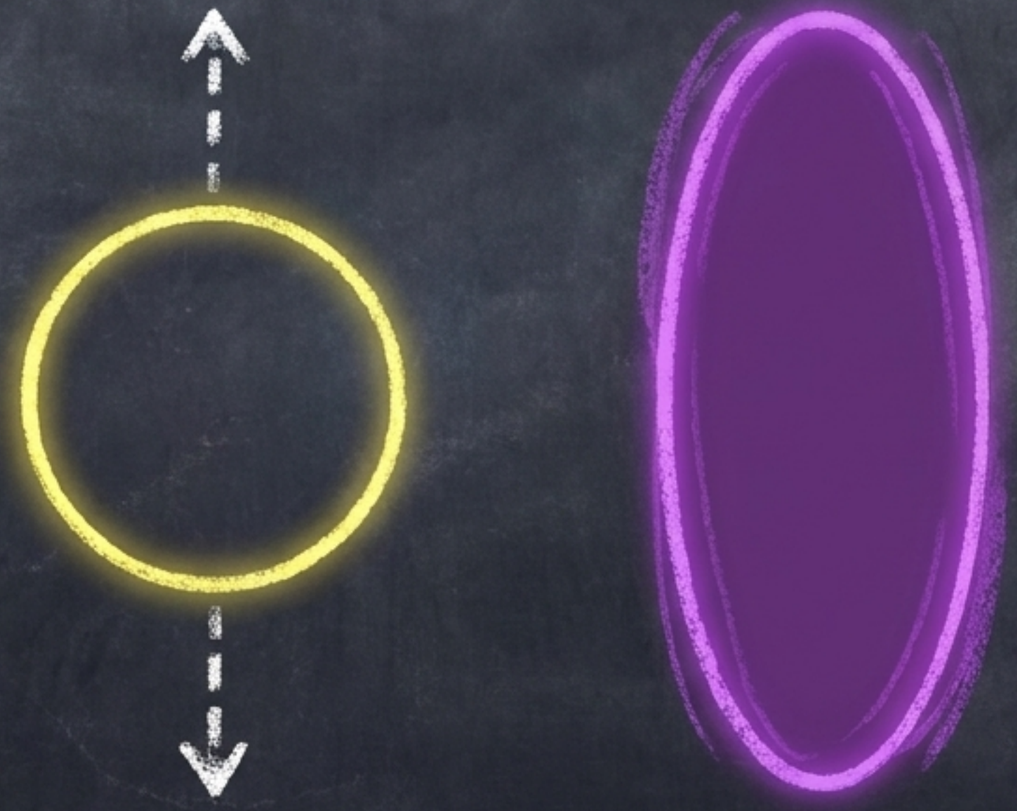
The Stretched Circle

For her first safari discovery, Jeenu takes a circle and imagines pulling it from both ends until it stretches out long and thin.

She has created an Oval.



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Safari Sight #1: The Gentle Giant

By stacking different sized ovals together, Jeenu brings the largest animal on the safari to life—a mighty elephant.

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The Pointed Square

Next, Jeenu remembers the square with its four equal sides. She tilts her chalk and draws the square balancing perfectly on one sharp point.

She has created a Diamond.

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Safari Sight #2: Dancing on the Wind

With a little piece of string attached to the bottom point, the diamonds catch the summer breeze and turn into kites dancing in the sky.

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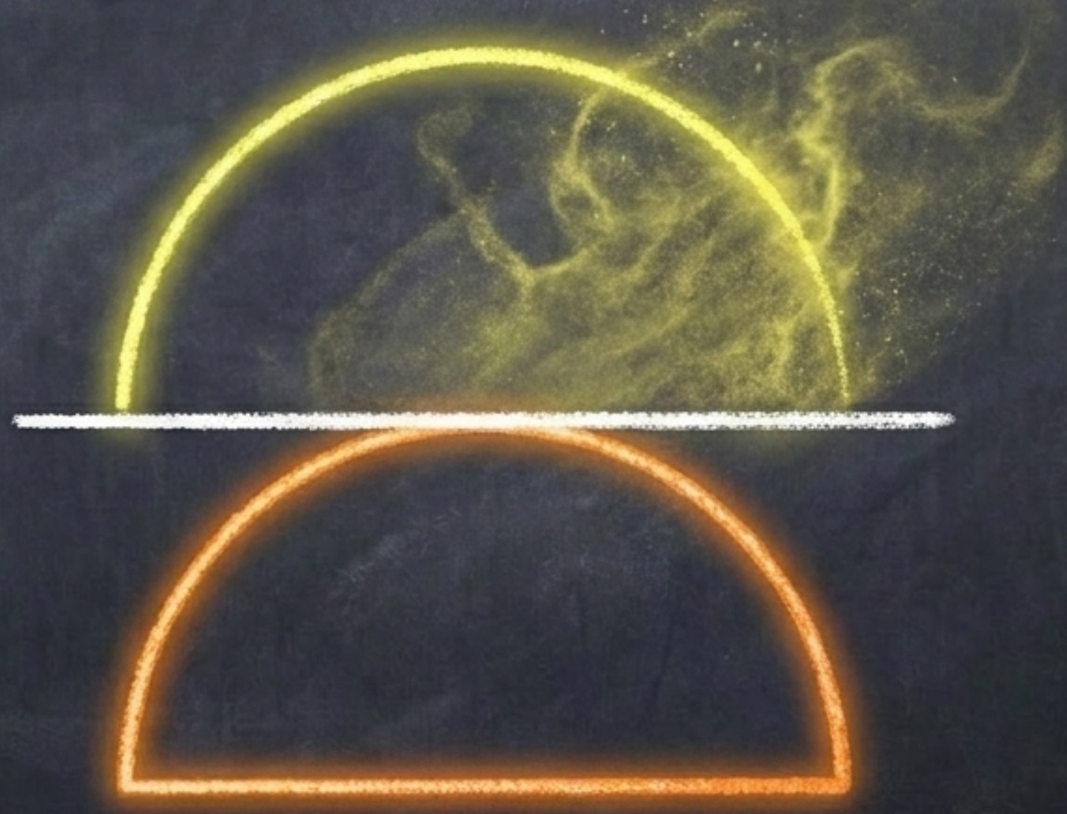
The Halved Loop

For her final trick, Jeenu draws a circle, but stops exactly halfway, closing the bottom with a perfectly straight line.

She has created a Semicircle.



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Safari Sight #3: Slow and Steady

The flat bottom keeps it steady on the ground, while the curved top forms a perfect, protective shell. Jeenu has found a turtle hiding in the grass!

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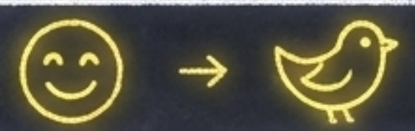
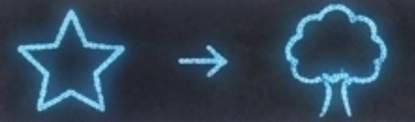
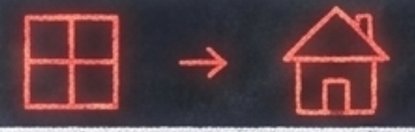
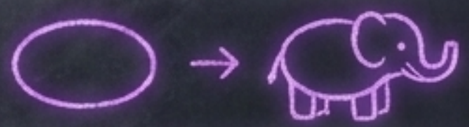
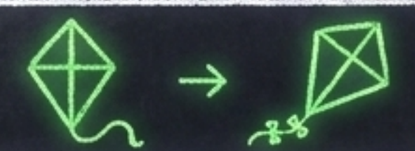
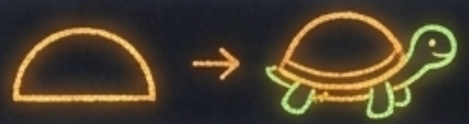
The Shape Explorer's Field Guide

Shape Name	Number of Sides	Number of Corners	Safari Creation
Circle	1 curved side	0	
Triangle	3	3	
Square	4 equal sides	4	
Oval	1 stretched curved side	0	
Diamond	4 equal sides balancing on a point	4	
Semicircle	1 straight side & 1 curve	2	

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The Grand Landscape of Imagination

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The canvas is yours

Jeenu's summer holiday wasn't boring anymore. She learned that with a little imagination, a simple line can become absolutely anything.

Pick up a piece of chalk. What will you draw?

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